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1. [REDACTED] the Sopron Forestry Operations Enterprise (Soproni Erdogazdasagi Uezemi Vallalat) had been recently raised to the status of enterprise from a warden station. Later, it was subordinated to the consolidated office of Gyöer (Gyöeri egyesületes), which controlled a large territory. 50X1
2. The enterprise employed about 25-30 office workers and 200-300 laborers. the following administrative personnel in the Sopron Enterprise:
- Chief: (fnu) TRENKA, formerly from the workers' cadre.
  - Deputy Chief: (fnu) PETOE, a professional forester, who did most of the work for the Chief.
  - Referent for Personnel: a man drafted from the workers' cadre, whose name I don't remember.
  - Labor Affairs Referent (fnu) KIS.
  - The Finance Department had a staff of five persons but no chief had been appointed when I was there. This department took care of all financial matters planning for the Enterprise.
  - Referent for Materials Circulation: (fnu) PASZTOR, was in charge of all the units of the Enterprise and their administrators.
  - The Referent for Technical Matters took care of all operations. The planting of forests was under his control.
  - In addition, there were three women typists and several clerks.

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3. The offices of the Sopron Enterprise consisted of four rooms in the district court house (jarasi birosag) where the jail also was located. When prisoners were taken out for a walk in the courtyard we could see them from our ground floor windows,

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4. The Sopron Enterprise controlled four operations units:

- a. The Sopron Sikvideki operations unit,
- b. The Sopron Hegyvideki operations unit.

(The offices of these two units were located in the Sopron Enterprise offices.)

- c. The Bremberg operations unit was located in the forest, where a coal mine was in operation.
  - d. The Saw Mill operations unit, located in the forest near Sopron.
5. Three of these operations units were active in clearing, planting, and maintaining forests. The Saw Mill produced lumber in small quantities. It had two motor run saws of which only one was in operation. The Saw Mill yard covered an area of about 30-50 m.
6. Each of the operations units was managed by one chief and one administrator or clerk. There was no other office personnel. These two persons directed wardens of protected forests of whom there were two or three in each operations unit. The wardens (Vedkeruelet vezetok) in turn supervised the laborers.

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8. The maximum wages a worker could earn ranged from 300 forints per week for highly skilled lumbermen to 80 forints a week for laborers. The work day was 10 hours. There was no overtime. Some workers were paid by piece work, but their earnings could not exceed the maximum weekly wage set for their kind of work.

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